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RE: Docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598

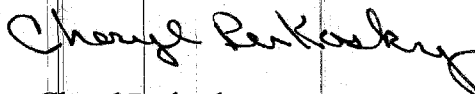
Dear FDA,

Your new policies on genetically engineered (GE) foods is a slap in the face to the American people. Despite overwhelming consumer demand, your agency still fails to require safety testing and mandatory labeling for GE foods. Your policy irresponsibly ignores strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks to GE foods. These foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could compromise immune responses in consumers, and could cause irreparable damage to the environment.

"Voluntary labeling" denies me my basic right to know. "Voluntary labeling" is like asking the fox to protect the hen house. The American people should have the knowledge available to make an informed choice through "Mandatory Labeling".

Your proposed rules ignore serious concerns, and appear to be made favoring industry at the expense of public health and the environment. Your attempt to make me a guinea pig of these untested foods outrages me, and I trust you will take my concerns, along with the many others, into serious consideration.

Concerned (and mad) citizen,



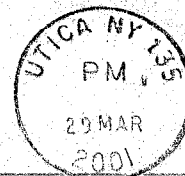
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